

Announcements

Research in Social Science and Disability is a new annual volume to be published by JAI Press. It will focus on linkages between disability and the social and cultural environment. It is based upon the premise that disability is not purely a medical phenomena, but rather is based on the interaction between the social and physical environment and a person's physical or mental state. It will consider aspects of disabilities as viewed through the lens of social science disciplines including history, economics, geography, political science, psychology, anthropology, sociology, demography, or closely related fields. It will consider all forms of disability, including mental and physical.

Submissions could include theoretical and critical papers, analyses based on qualitative as well as quantitative research methodologies, methodological or conceptual papers, and comprehensive reviews of the literature. Examples of submissions could include topics such as cultural aspects of blindness, the history of institutionalization for mental illness, the demography of mental retardation, the social structure of deaf communities, measuring disability for research purposes, or changing attitudes towards persons with disabilities. Research in Social Science and Disability will not consider medical or clinical aspects of disability, case studies, practice descriptions, or program evaluations. All articles will be peer-reviewed by reviewers from the same disciplinary background.

The editors, Barbara M. Altman and Sharon N. Barnartt, are soliciting original, unpublished manuscripts for Volume 1, which will be published in 1999. Papers should not exceed 40 pages double spaced. Four copies should be submitted by August 1, 1998, to Sharon Barnartt, Department of Sociology, Gallaudet University, Washington, DC 20002. Instructions for authors available on request.

The guest editors of the DSQ Spring 1999 issue on Disability Identity are now inviting submissions. The deadline for manuscripts is December 15, 1998. Suggestions for topics include: the intersection of disability identity with other dimensions, such as gender, sexuality, race, class, and ethnicity; identity formation vis-a-vis various cross-sections of disability, such as different or under-represented disability types, different ages of acquiring disability, and visibility of disability; and individual disability identity development vs. group or community disability identity development. Theoretical, experiential, and conceptual pieces are invited, as well as empirical work. Innovative topics and wide-ranging perspectives are welcome; however, all submissions should focus on disability identity and emphasize a disability studies approach. Further information, including guidelines for contributors, is available from the guest editors, Carol Gill (tel: 312-355-0550, cg16@uic.edu) and Miriam Hertz (tel: 312-996-2091, mhertz@uic.edu).